

## What is the Learning Center?

The Learning Center at Bethel Ridge supports students 11 and older and adults of all ages, with special needs. Our program offers small class sizes and is staffed with educational consultants, who are certified teachers in special education with expertise in curriculum design.

The Learning Center assists participants with developmental disabilities to maintain and enhance their skills so they can function more independently in their daily lives, obtain and maintain community-based employment, and to enjoy their leisure time in a more productive and fulfilling manner. Special needs students will benefit from taking courses to maintain the skills they learned during the school year. Continued participation in life long learning after graduation is key to building skills to enhance employability.

Our Educational Program addresses specialized areas of interest that include, but are not limited to: Computer Training, Functional Reading, Social Skills, 'Everyday Math' (budgeting, shopping, etc.) and Life Skills (like cooking, driving, and the arts).



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**We build stepping stones to lifelong success!**



**Bethel Ridge  
SPRING 2010**

**The Learning Center  
at Bethel Ridge**

**Providing  
educational  
opportunities that  
strive toward  
independence!**



[www.bethelridgenj.org](http://www.bethelridgenj.org)

**Classes are open to Middle/High School  
Students and Adults of all Ages**

Bethel Ridge accepts funding from DDD's Real  
Life Choices program.

# Spring 2010 Courses

Classes are held once a week



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## Job Skills Workshop “Job Club”

This workshop-style course is designed to develop pre-job skills for teens and adults. Work with a Bethel Ridge Job Coach to learn job searching skills using the internet and local resources. Develop resumes, practice interviewing, and social skills in the work place. **\$155.00** **When: Tuesdays 4:30pm– 5:30pm** **Date: April 13 - June 8th**



## Reading for Life & Fun/ Social Time

The first hour of this course is designed to develop and strengthen reading skills for greater success in everyday life. The last half hour will be utilized to develop social skills through small group activities. **\$200.00** **When: Wednesdays 5:00pm– 6:30pm** **Date: April 14 - June 9th**



## Creative Arts (and Crafts)

Fun class allows the students to explore their creativity and personal expression through a variety of imaginative arts and crafts projects. **\$200.00** **When: Friday 4:30pm – 5:30 pm** **Date: April 16 - June 11th**

**Having trouble with transportation?**  
CALL 908 221-0801 for more info

## Introduction to Computers, Email, & the Internet

This hands-on course will offer the participant a chance to become more familiar with the basics of computer use. Mouse movements, keyboarding, basic editing features, creating documents and e-mail use will be introduced. Various computer games and web quests will be used to help the participant build new skills. E-mail, internet exploration, and internet safety will be taught and practiced by each participant. **\$200.00** **When: Wednesday 7:00pm– 8:00pm** **Date: April 14 - June 9th**

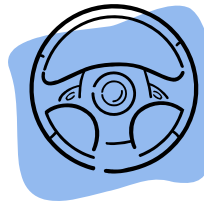


## The Bubbling Gourmet

This course is designed to teach basic cooking, how to use various kitchen appliances and utensils, and developing/improving independent cooking abilities. The class teaches students to prepare easy, quick and healthy meals. **Sous Chef (still available)** Participants who are interested in learning a more advanced version of our basic cooking class should call Bethel Ridge to express your interest. **\$220.00** **When: Tuesday 6:30pm– 8:30pm** **Date: April 13 – June 8th**

## The Savvy Driver I & II

This course is designed to review the New Jersey Driver's Manual and to assist the student in understanding the rules of the road. This course will help the student comprehend the manual and better prepare them to take the NJ Driver's Permit test. **When: To be announced** Please call Bethel Ridge to express your interest in these classes -**\$200.00** **When: I: 6:00pm-7:30pm or II 7:45pm-9:15pm** **Date: Week of April 12th until Week of June 14th (Memorial Day Off - no class 5/31)**



## SUMMER “CAMP” The Summer Experience

A 5-week recreation and education program. The program will provide summer recreation, light academics, trips, math, reading, and creative arts, with an emphasis on fun and socialization. Beginning in **July, Monday to Thursday afternoons and Fridays**. Fridays will be full days of trips, including swimming at the Somerset Hills YMCA, and other fun-filled local attractions.



**Bethel Ridge & Somerset Hills YMCA are partners in supporting people with special needs**

If you have any questions regarding the programs listed below, please contact

Katie Darby [kdarby@somersethillsymca.org](mailto:kdarby@somersethillsymca.org) or 908-630-3513

## **The Somerset Hills YMCA is pleased to offer:**

**Carousel Kids (Ages 4-12)** - Two one-week summer programs for children with special needs. Carousel Kids will run M-F, June 28th – July 2nd and August 23rd – August 27th, will offer a 1:1 or 1:2 aide to participant ratio. We will be offering a variety of programs including swimming, arts and crafts, gymnastics, creative movement, outdoor sports and games, music and many other activities throughout the week. Registration for members begins on April 20th, for non-members on April 23rd.

**Spring Family Getaway (All Ages)** The Somerset Hills YMCA is planning a family day trip to Camp Speers-Eljabar this spring for our families of children with Special Needs. The camp is located just 75 minutes away and full of outdoor activities for all season. Several activities are planned including Arts and Crafts, hiking, a Confidence Course, Archery, riflery, canoeing, and so much more.

**Camp Speers Eljabar (Ages 8 -19 )** The ACCES Program, All Children Can Experience Speers-Eljabar. Is a mainstreaming program that gives campers with mild to moderate developmental disabilities the opportunity to participate in traditional camp activities. ACCES campers are fully included in all daily activities and are housed together with a lower staff ratio of 1:3, in order to ensure that their personal care needs are met appropriately. For questions regarding the ACCES program, please contact a representative at Camp Speers-Eljabar 877-SPEERSY (773-3779) or visit the website [www.campspeersymca.org](http://www.campspeersymca.org)

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